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PEOPLE OF METROPOLIS,
WHERE IS YOUR HERO,
SUPERMAN? NOW THAT I
HAVE POWERS **MIGHTIER**
THAN HIS, IS HE AFRAID THAT
I WILL DESTROY HIM
LIKE HIS STATUE?



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METROPOLIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SUPERMAN

FASTER THAN A JET! ABLE TO LEAP THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN! POWERFUL ENOUGH TO LIFT A SKYSCRAPER! THAT'S **SUPERMAN**! BUT ALAS FOR HIS OTHER IDENTITY AS CLARK KENT, REPORTER FOR THE **DAILY PLANET**, HE HAS TO CONCEAL HIS SUPER-POWERS BY PRETENDING TO BE TIMID AND MEEK IN THE FACE OF DANGER! HOWEVER, WE NOW TAKE YOU TO A PLACE ON EARTH WHERE A BEAUTIFUL QUEEN SCORNS HANDSOME STRONGMEN AND PREFERS --

CLARK KENT, **COWARD!**

MISERABLE COWARD! I CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL WITH BLAST-RANGS FOR THE HAND OF THE QUEEN! WATCH WHAT ONE OF THESE WEAPONS WILL DO WHEN IT HITS!

J-JIMMY! ONE OF THOSE EXPLOSIVE BOOMERANGS BLEW THAT ROCK TO SMITHEREENS! I-I COULD GET KILLED!

BRACE YOURSELF, CLARK! YOU CAN'T CHICKEN OUT NOW! YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR QUEEN LURA, THE WOMAN YOU LOVE!



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ONE DAY, AS REPORTERS LOIS LANE, JIMMY OLSEN AND CLARK KENT FOLLOW UP A STORY...



TEMPORARILY LEFT ALONE, THE REPORTERS EXAMINE THE BALLOON...



BUT AN INSTANT LATER, JIMMY TRIPS OVER THE CABLE AND...



AS JIMMY IS RESCUED...



BUT CLARK KENT, WHO IS SECRETLY DYNAMIC **SUPERMAN**, IS WORRIED...

LUCKY JIMMY DIDN'T USE THAT WATCH! TO SWITCH TO **SUPERMAN** NOW WOULD BETRAY AN IDENTITY. HAMM... I COULD PUNCTURE THE BALLOON WITH MY HEAT VISION. BUT THAT WOULD EXPLODE THE HYDROGEN GAS! I'D BETTER WAIT FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS!



EVER UPWARD SOARS THE BALLOON, THEN SUDDENLY...



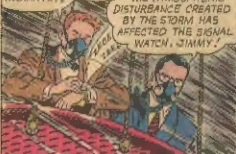


AS THE RAGING WINDS CARRY THEM FAR ACROSS THE OCEAN...

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY, LOIS! I'M CALLING SUPERMAN! ULP! WONDER WHY HE DOESN'T SHOW UP? HE ALWAYS ANSWERS INSTANTLY!

I MUST SUPPLY SOME LOGICAL REASON FOR SUPERMAN FAILING TO ANSWER THAT CALL!

PERHAPS THE ATMOSPHERIC DISTURBANCE CREATED BY THE STORM HAS AFFECTED THE SIGNAL WATCH, JIMMY!



AT LONG LAST THE STORM CARRIES THEM TO A REMOTE MOUNTAIN RANGE, WHERE...

YOU CAN TAKE YOUR MASKS OFF NOW! WE'RE DROPPING LIKE AN ELEVATOR!

GASP! A SUDDEN DOWN-DRAFT IS PLUNGING US EARTHWARD! CLARK, DO SOMETHING BEFORE WE CRASH!

ER-GULP! ULP!



SUDDENLY, CLARK LURCHES TO ONE SIDE, AND...

HERE WE ARE IN DANGER OF OUR LIVES AND ALL YOU CAN DO IS GET AIR-SICK!

AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A MAN!

GROAN! URRP! SORRY, LOIS!

THIS AIR-SICKNESS BIT IS JUST AN ACT SO I CAN SECRETLY SAVE THE BALLOON WITH MY SUPER-POWERS!



HANGING OVERSIDE, CLARK PUFFS DOWNWARD WITH HIS SUPER-BREATH AND...

THERE! THE REACTION OF MY SUPER-BREATH IS LIFTING THE BALLOON AS IF BY JET-PROPULSION!

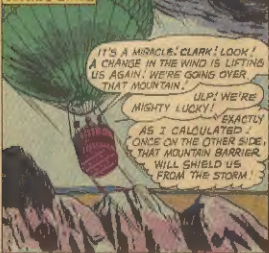


SECONDS LATER...

IT'S A MIRACLE, CLARK! LOOK! A CHANGE IN THE WIND IS LIFTING US AGAIN! WE'RE GOING OVER THAT MOUNTAIN!

ULP! WE'RE MIGHTY LUCKY!

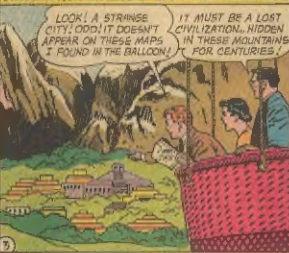
EXACTLY AS I CALCULATED! ONCE ON THE OTHER SIDE, THAT MOUNTAIN BARRIER WILL SHIELD US FROM THE STORM!



PRESENTLY, AS THE BALLOON DROPS INTO A VAST VALLEY...

LOOK! A STRANGE CITY! ODD! IT DOESN'T APPEAR ON THESE MAPS I FOUND IN THE BALLOON!

IT MUST BE A LOST CIVILIZATION... HIDDEN IN THESE MOUNTAINS FOR CENTURIES!



BUT AS THE ADVENTURERS TRY TO LAND OUTSIDE THE CITY...

GOOD GRIEF!
WHAT A WEIRD
COUNTRY!
LOOK! A BIRD
WITH METAL
FEATHERS!
AND HE'S
GRABBING THE
STEEL CABLE
ON OUR GRAPPLING
HOOK!

SINCE HE'S A METAL BIRD,
HE PROBABLY **EATS**
METAL, TOO!

I'D BETTER GET RID OF
THAT CREATURE BEFORE
HE FLIES OFF WITH OUR
ANCHOR!



AN INSTANT LATER, AN
INVISIBLE RAY TOUCHES
THE GROTESQUE BIRD'S
TALONS.

WHEN!
THAT WAS CLOSE! HE
DROPPED THAT CABLE
AND FLEW AWAY!



CHUCKLE!! I GUESS
THAT HOT FOOT I GAVE
HIM WITH MY HEAT
VISION RUINED HIS
APPETITE!

BUT WHEN THE VOYAGERS LAND...

INTRUDERS! HOW DARE
YOU CROSS THE BORDER OF
MISTRI-LOR? I, PRINCE
YIKAR, ARREST YOU IN THE
NAME OF THE QUEEN!

ER...B-BETTER
D-DO AS HE SAYS!
NO TELLING WHAT
THOSE WEAPONS
CAN DO!



HMM! I DON'T MIND
BEING CAPTURED AT
ALL! EVERYONE OF
THESE STUNNING
SPECIMENS IS AS
HANDSOME AS
SUPERMAN!

THE QUEEN
DESIRES TO SEE
THESE INTER-
LOPERS! TAKE
THEM TO THE
PALACE
GARDENS!



PRESENTLY...

BEHOLD OUR
QUEEN LURA!
ON YOUR KNEES
BEFORE HER,
INTRUDERS!

WOW! WHAT A
GORGEIOUS DISH!
BUT IF YOU THINK
I'M GOING TO
KNEEL FOR HER,
YOU'RE WHACKY
BUSTER!



NOW LOOK HERE, ALL OF YOU! WE'RE
AMERICANS! WE DON'T KNEEL FOR
ANYBODY, UNDERSTAND?

NOW WAIT A
MINUTE, LOIS,
MAYBE PAYING
OUR RESPECTS
TO **QUEEN LURA**
ISN'T SUCH A
BAD IDEA!





THE AWESOME POWER OF CLARK'S HEAT VISION SEARS NORTHWARD THROUGH THE EARTH'S CRUST...



TO MELT A HUGE GLACIER WHICH MENACES SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS...



MEANWHILE, BACK IN MISTRI-LOR...



HMM! QUEEN LURA GOES FOR CLARK IN A BIG WAY! WITH ALL THESE HANDSOME SPECIMENS ABOUT, I WONDER WHAT SHE SEES IN HIM?

IT'S SIMPLE! HANDSOME MEN ARE A DIME A DOZEN IN MISTRI-LOR, SO QUEEN LURA FINDS MECK CLARK KENT ATTRACTIVE!



SUDDENLY, AS A GROUP OF ROYAL SERVANTS NEARS...



ER...EXCUSE ME, QUEEN LURA! TH-THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE G-GOT TO DO!

MY TELESCOPIC VISION HAS JUST SPOTTED ANOTHER EMERGENCY! THIS COWARD ACT WILL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO GET AWAY SO I CAN SWITCH TO SUPERMAN! THEY'LL THINK THE TIGER SCARED ME.



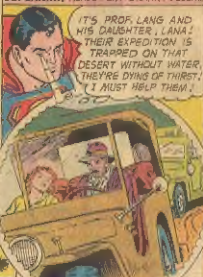


IN A FIELD OF TALL FLOWERS, CLARK DOES HIS SUPER-COSTUME AT LIGHTNING SPEED, AND...

CLARK! COME OUT OF HIDING, YOU OUT OF MILK-SOP! THIS TIGER IS BORING MY TIME AND HARMLESS! I'LL STAY OUT OF YOUR SIGHT BY BORING MY WAY TO THE SCENE OF THE EMERGENCY AT SUPER-SPEED!



GUIDED BY HIS TELESCOPIC VISION, SUPERMAN HEADS FOR A DISTANT DESERT.



IT'S PROF. LANG AND HIS DAUGHTER, LANA! THEIR EXPEDITION IS TRAPPED ON THAT DESERT WITHOUT WATER, THEY'RE DYING OF THIRST! I MUST HELP THEM!

SECONDS AFTERWARD, A SPECTACULAR FISSURE ERUPTS IN THE ARID WASTE-LAND.

LOOK, DAD! IT'S SUPERMAN! HE BORED A WELL FROM THE WATER-BEARING STRATA UNDER THE DESERT!



THANKS TO SUPERMAN NOW WE'LL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OUR HUNT FOR DINOSAUR FOSSILS!

THEN, FLASHING BACK TO MISTRI-LOR, HE EMERGES AS CLARK KENT.

CLARK, HOW COULD YOU ACT SO COWARDLY! ANYONE COULD SEE THIS BEAST WAS AS TAME AS A KITTEN!



ER... I WASN'T FRIGHTENED! I JUST WANTED TO PICK SOME OF THESE BEAUTIFUL RED FLOWERS FOR QUEEN LURA!

FLOWERS FOR ME? HOW CHARMING! HOW GALLANT! I MUST KISS YOU! SMACK!



WHY, MY KISS MADE HIM BLUSH! HOW QUAIN'T AND MODEST! I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE LIKE HIM BEFORE!



ME BLUSHING! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! SINCE I'M SUPER, NOTHING CAN AFFECT MY SKIN THAT WAY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

STARING INTO A NEARBY POOL, CLARK PERCEIVES THE ANSWER...



I THINK I GET IT NOW! THE POLLEN DUST FROM THOSE FLOWERS I PICKED REDDENED MY FACE! I'LL WIPE IT OFF WITH THIS HANDKERCHIEF AT SUPER-SPEED SO NO ONE WILL NOTICE!



AS CLARK HURRIEDLY WIPES HIS FACE...

IT'S NOT MODESTY THAT MADE HIM BLUSH, YOUR MAJESTY! HE'S JUST ASHAMED OF BEING SO FAINT-HEARTED!

NONSENSE! I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE SO ATTRACTIVE, SO FASCINATING, SO DIFFERENT! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A MAN LIKE THAT ALL MY LIFE!

WHAT?



FURIOUS, PRINCE VIKAR STEPS FORWARD...

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR SENSES, YOUR MAJESTY? ACCORDING TO OUR CUSTOMS, YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO MARRY ME, THE MOST POWERFUL PRINCE IN THE REALM!

MUST I BE ENSLAVED BY CUSTOMS? WHY WED YOU WHEN I COULD HAVE THIS INTRIGUING STRANGER AS MY BETROTHED?



WEAKLING, I CHALLENGE YOU TO SINGLE COMBAT FOR THE HAND OF THE QUEEN!

I COULD MAKE MINCE-MEAT OUT OF HIM WITH MY LITTLE FINGER, BUT I MUST REMEMBER THAT I'M MEEK CLARK KENT!

ER... DO I HAVE TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?



OF COURSE HE ACCEPTS YOUR CHALLENGE, VIKAR! AND HE'LL DEFEAT YOU, TOO! WON'T YOU, MY HERO?

ER... I HOPE SO!

THAT MOUSE A HERO? WHAT A LAUGH! HA, HA!



THE NEXT DAY, THE POPULACE OF MISTRI-LOR GATHERS IN THE ARENA...

AS CLARK'S SECOND, I'LL SPEAK FOR HIM, VIKAR: JUST WHAT ARE THESE WEAPONS YOU'RE GOING TO DUEL WITH? WE CALL THEM BOOMERANGS WHERE I COME FROM!

WE CALL THEM POWER-RANGS! THEY'RE THROWING A FEW AT THE OTHER END OF THE ARENA! WATCH AND SEE THE EFFECTS! HA! HA!



ACROSS THE ARENA, AS THE POWER-RANG STRIKES HOME...

THOSE POWER-RANGS WERE LOADED WITH EXPLOSIVES! THEY BLASTED THAT STONE TO SMITHEREENS! A GUY COULD GET KILLED THAT WAY!

DON'T GET COLD FEET, CLARK! YOU CAN'T CHICKEN OUT NOW! THE DUEL'S ABOUT TO BEGIN!





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AS CLARK PRETENDS TO TREMBLE WITH FEAR, HIS SUPER-HEARINGS DETECTS A FURTIVE CONVERSATION...

LOOK HOW THAT FOOL, KENT, IS SHAKING! HA! HA! HE DOESN'T DREAM THAT MY POWER-RANG WILL REALLY BE AIMED AT LURA!

WITH YOUR EXPERT MARKSMANSHIP, YOU CAN'T MISS! ONCE THE QUEEN IS DEAD, YOU'RE NEXT IN LINE FOR THE THRONE, PRINCE VIKAR!



YES, THE DUEL IS A RUSE TO KILL THE QUEEN, BUT AS THE FIRST POWER-RANG FLIES...

OH, MY BRAVE ONE! IN SPITE OF HIS TIMIDITY, HE FACES DEATH FOR ME!

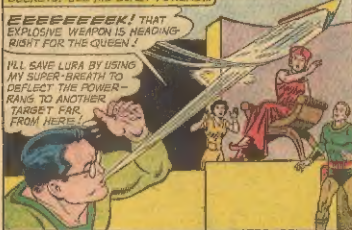
BRAVE? HA! LOOK AT HIM COWERING LIKE A RABBIT, EVEN THOUGH THAT POWER-RANG MISSED BY A MILE!



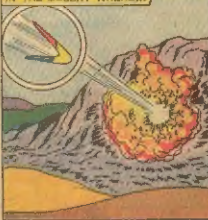
BUT CLARK'S SEEMING COWARDICE GIVES HIM A CHANCE TO SECRETLY USE HIS SUPER-POWERS...

EEEEEEEEK! THAT EXPLOSIVE WEAPON IS HEADING RIGHT FOR THE QUEEN!

I'LL SAVE LURA BY USING MY SUPER-BREATH TO DEFLECT THE POWER-RANG TO ANOTHER TARGET FAR FROM HERE!



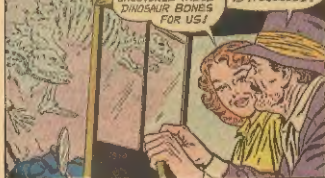
WITH HIS SUPER-AIM, CLARK GUIDES THE MISSILE TO A DISTANT-TARGET IN THE DESERT WHERE...



AS THE SMOKE CLEARS...

DAD, LOOK! **SUPERMAN** HEARD THE PURPOSE OF OUR TRIP SO HE BLASTED AWAY THAT CLIFF AND UNCOVERED THESE DINOSAUR BONES FOR US!

IT'S A PREHISTORIC BONANZA, LANA! THANKS TO **SUPERMAN**, OUR EXPEDITION IS A SUCCESS!



MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE ARENA, CLARK STILL PLAYS HIS ROLE OF A COWARD...

D-DO I HAVE TO THROW THIS POWER-RANG, J-JIMMY? SOMEBODY MAY GET HURT!

FOR PETE'S SAKE, STOP SHAKING AND ACT LIKE A MAN, CLARK!





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BUT AS CLARK THROWS THE WEAPON

GOOD GRIEF
CLARK TRIPPED! HE LOST HIS BALANCE
HE TRIED TO RECOVER BUT HE COULDN'T
HE WAS TOO BUSY THINKING ABOUT
HOW HE COULD GET THE
WEAPON BACK. HE WASN'T
REALIZING THAT
HE WASN'T
ON HIS FEET AND HE'LL
BE KILLED

OH I
JUST MY
BALANCE

BUT AS THE WEAPON FLIES UPWARD, A WEIRD CREATURE

SCANKER!

BARRBOON!

CLARK SPOTTED THAT METAL
EATING VULTURE AND WHEN
HE WOULD SEIZE THAT METAL
BOOMERANG! THE EXPLOSION ABOVE
WILL ONLY REMOVE A FEW
OF HIS FEATHERS.

WELL, QUEEN, I
I GUESS I
SHOWN HIM I
CANNOT BE
WON'T WANT HIM
AS A HUSBAND

AND
I CAN'T
DRAW AND
I WANT A
HUSBAND

MY LOVELY
QUEEN I'LL
BE HAPPY TO
MARRY YOU!

HMPH! I WON'T
HAVE HIM ON A SILVER
PLATTER

AND I BEAT
YOU
ACTUALLY
JEALOUS!

THE NEXT DAY AT THE MISTRI-LOR

YOUR HAPPY FUTURE IS ALL PLANNED,
MY LOVE! YOUR ROYAL PORTRAIT
HANGS HERE AMONG THE OTHER
OF MISTRI-LOR!

AND HERE IS
THE JEWELLED
RING YOU WILL
HAVE ME AT THE
CEREMONY

FOR YEARS I
SPURNED HIM
AND NOW HE'S
GOING TO
MARRY A
QUEEN

OUR ROYAL
WEDDING IS
MY DEARE

SUDDENLY...

THAT TICKING SOUND I COMES FROM INSIDE THE CAKE IS A BOMB!

A B-BOMB? JIMMY YOU'D BETTER CALL SUPERMAN ON YOUR SIGNAL! WATCH OR EXCUSE ME I GOT SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO

HE'S RUNNING AWAY DESERTING HIS BRIDE & THE FACE OF DANGER I DON'T THINK EN LARA COULD BE A THINGEN USE A C AND WATCH O SUPERMAN!

BY PRETENDING TO BE AFRAID I CAN'T SEE HERE AN WITH THAT SUPERMAN

CHANGING AT LIGHTNING SPEED CLARK REAPPEARS AS DYNAMIC SUPERMAN...

SUPERMAN! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME THAT CAKE CONTAINS A BOMB

MY X-RAY VISION HAS ALREADY SPOTTED IT, JIMMY! EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL!

AS SUPERMAN SWALLOWS THE CAKE

JRPP! EXCUSE ME THE BOMB I ATE JUST EXPLODED

THERE'S A REAL HERO, QUEEN LURA! SUPERMAN... THE MIGHTIEST MAN ON EARTH!

AN INSTANT LATER SUPERMAN CATCHES THE CULPRITS.

QUEEN LURA HEARING DIS COLORED THAT THIS MAN AND HIS HENCHMAN PLANTED THE BOMB

HERE HAVE SOME OF THIS CAKE YOU RAT

PRINCE KARAR I AM NOT MADE A DINNER

AS SUPERMAN CARRIES THE CRIMINALS OFF TO THE DUNGEONS OF MISTRI-LOR

HO'Y AN YOU HARRY A HIGH OF COURSE BUT HE'S VERY WEAKENING LIKE CLARK, ORDINARY LOOKING HE'S KENT WHEN A MASH FICENT SPECIMEN LIKE SUPERMAN IS AROUND? EVERY GIRL IN THE WORLD'S CRAZY ABOUT

I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU OF COURSE BUT HE'S VERY ORDINARY LOOKING HE'S KENT WHEN A MASH FICENT SPECIMEN LIKE SUPERMAN IS AROUND? EVERY GIRL IN THE WORLD'S CRAZY ABOUT

STILL TAKE MY ADORABLE LARK KENT



ACTION COMICS



MEANWHILE HAVING DELIVERED HIS PRISONERS, **SUPERMAN** RESUMES HIS CLARK KENT IDENTITY AT EYE-BLURRING SPEED.



I DELIBERATELY AGREED TO MARRY LURA TO GET VIKAR TO STRIKE AGAIN SO I COULD NAB HIM RED-HANDED! BUT NOW HOW DO I TALK MYSELF OUT OF THIS WEDDING? MMM, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AN EASY

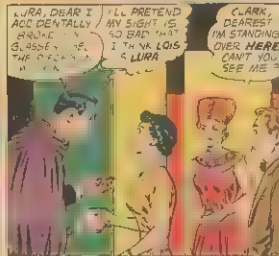


FIRST I'LL HIDE MY GLASSES UNDERNEATH THESE WEDDING ROBES, THEN SUPER-FREEZE SOME WATER FROM THIS FOUNTAIN INTO GLASS FRAGMENTS

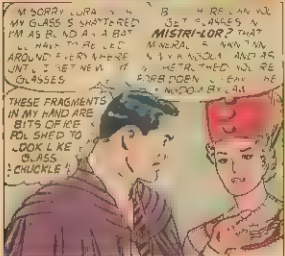
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PRESENTLY, CLARK KENT...
OH TO CL LANA...
I KNEW YOU...
OF NO ONE AS SOON...
THE DANGER IN...
ACCIDENT!



LURA, DEAR I ACCIDENTALLY BROKE MY GLASSES. I'LL PRETEND MY SIGHT IS SO BAD THAT I THINK LOIS LURA...
CLARK, DEAREST I'M STANDING OVER HERE! CAN'T YOU SEE ME?



I'M SORRY LURA, MY GLASS IS SHATTERED. I'M AS BLIND AS A BAT. I'VE HAD TO RE-LOCATE AROUND EVERYWHERE UNTIL I GET NEW GLASSES.

THESE FRAGMENTS IN MY HAND ARE BITS OF REPOSED TO LOOK LIKE GLASS. CHUCKLE!

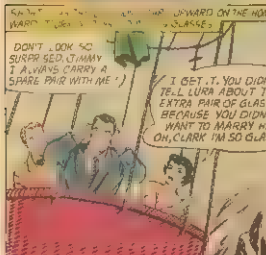
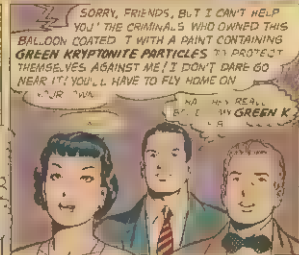
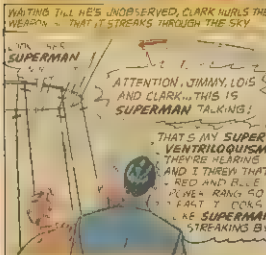
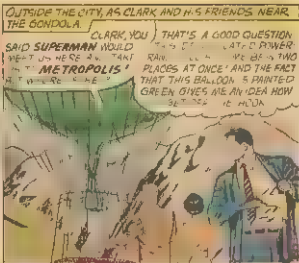


THIS IS TERRIBLE. I'LL HAVE BEEN LOST AROUND EVERYWHERE. I COULD NEVER ALLOW MY SENSITIVE SOUL TO BE THROWN OFF. MAKE THAT I'LL TALK OFF THE MARRIAGE FOR YOUR OWN GOOD. CHUCKLE.

A HEART-BREAKING DECISION. I KNOW IT'S THE BEST!



ACTION COMICS





METROPOLIS MAILBAG

Dear Editor: I must congratulate you on the recent story, "Superman Goes Wild." It was unbeatable, and I envy the fans of ten years from now, who will enjoy it greatly when you reprint it in a 1973 Annual.

Lewis Zimmerman, Forest Hills, N. Y.

(That's about the nicest compliment we've ever had. We know the artist, Curtis Swan, and the writer, Robert Bernstein, will both go "wild" over your praise.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the story, "Superman Goes Wild" one thing bothers me. When Perry White produces the fake green Kryptonite chains, what made them glow like the real stuff?

Paul Martin, Huntington, W. Va.

(Superman had previously treated the chains with a special luminous paint, to deceive his enemies.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I enjoyed "Superman Goes Wild" very much but do you realize that in this story when Superman wrecks the DAILY PLANET globe atop the Planet building, he is destroying it for the FOURTH time? Isn't that globe pretty beat up by now?

David Griese, Santa Clara, Calif.

(What are you complaining about? Superman always repairs the damage, doesn't he?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In your story, "The Girl With the X-Ray Mind", you had a girl named Lena Thorul (who was actually Lex Luthor's kid sister) in Linda Lee Dunes' class. Yet, in a story I read quite some time back, "The Curse of Lena Thorul", which you published in an issue of LOIS LANE Magazine, you portrayed the same Lena Thorul as being much older. What happened? Did Lena suddenly grow younger? Anyway I thought they were both excellent stories.

Alan Hansen, Madison, Wis.

(Lena Thorul was such a good character, we took the license of introducing her anew as a teen-ager, in order to feature her in stories along with SUPERGIRL. We hope you'll forgive our taking this liberty.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I really liked the story, "The Girl With the X-Ray Mind", because, for once, Luthor was not portrayed as a ruthless villain. I've always rather liked Luthor—I don't think he is such a black rogue at heart, and this story, in which he emerges as having sympathetic qualities, proves it. Will we have other stories (not "Imaginary") in which he is shown as a "good guy"?

Micha Ann O'Connor

(Yes, Luthor is not the completely dastardly villain he sometimes seems to be . . . although his intense jealousy of SUPERMAN motivates him into committing his nefarious acts. As for his future activities, we suggest you ponder his remarks at the conclusion of the SUPERGIRL story in this issue.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In "The Girl With the X-Ray Mind", you had Lena Thorul applying for a job with the "Federal Bureau of Intelligence" for a job as secretary! I always thought the F.B.I. stood for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Please explain.

Joe Shaw, Kellogg, Idaho

(Inasmuch as we did not have permission from the real F.B.I. to use their agency in this story, we purposely created a fictitious organization, so that we would not be giving out any false impressions about Mr. J. Edgar Hoover's brilliant law agency.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Are you aware that sometime this year you will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of SUPERMAN? He first appeared in ACTION COMICS, in 1939. Do you plan to do anything by way of honoring this occasion?

Gloria S. Findley, Syracuse, N. Y.

(Indeed yes. Plans for celebrating our Silver Anniversary are under way. Watch this department for an important announcement!—Ed.)

Dear Editor: You have always maintained that it is against the code of any of your heroes (Superman, Superboy, Supergirl) to kill any form of life. Yet, in the Nov. ACTION COMICS, in the story, "Superman and the Kryptonite Killer", it shows him destroying an android. How do you justify this act in view of your previous statement?

Stephen Silvia, Fall River, Mass.

(Androids are made from chemicals and synthetic protoplasm; they are manufactured and born. They do not have bloodstreams, hearts, and other essential organs. Hence, SUPERMAN does not consider them as being "alive". To put it another way, androids are simply robots which appear to be life-like, but are really molded out of chemical building blocks.—Ed.)

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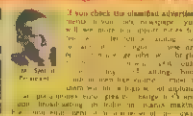
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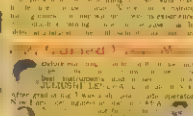
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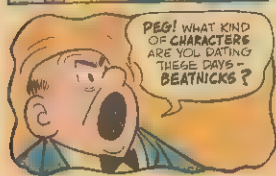
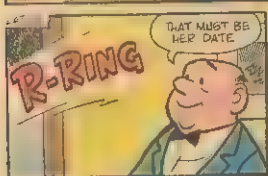
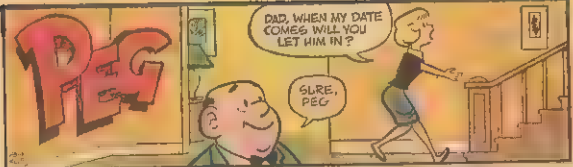
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Yes readers, this old ad. was once beautiful, young LOIS LANE And is LANA LANG happy that Lois is now a HAG

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SUPERGIRL

SUPERMAN IS MAROONED IN THE PAST AND I MUST REMAIN ON THIS ISLAND OR I'LL SPREAD A DEADLY PLANT SCOURGE! THERE'S NO ONE TO STOP **LUTHOR** AND THOSE CRIMINALS FROM THE **PHANTOM ZONE**, WITH THE FORBIDDEN WEAPONS, FROM RULING THE WORLD... IS EARTH CHOKE DOOMED?

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT **SUPERGIRL** AND **SUPERMAN** ARE TWIN, IF THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPERHEROES AND EVERYONE ALSO KNOWS THAT HE WOULD BE THE FIRST OUTLAW OF **LEX LUTHOR**, THE MENACE WHO HAS TAKEN MOST OF THE WORLD'S SUPERHEROES INTO HIS FAMILY. THEREFORE CAN HE BE THE FIRST TO ENSURE WHEN **SUPERGIRL**, **SUPERMAN** AND **LUTHOR** BECOME ALLIES? THAT'S THE QUESTION.

THE SUPER-POWERS OF LEX LUTHOR!

ONE DAY AS **SUPERMAN** AND HIS ROBOTS ARE RETURNING FROM A VITAL MISSION IN THE PAST...

...THE TIME BARRIER HAS BEEN TURNED INTO AN IMPENETRABLE WALL BY THE IMPACT THAT ERADICATED BEYOND REPAIR.

IT'S A FORCE FIELD WHICH SEALS OFF THE EARTH FROM THE PAST. NOT EVEN MY SUPER STRENGTH CAN SHATTER IT! BUT I MUST GET THROUGH. EARTH MAY BE MY LAST CHANCE.



MEANWHILE FAR IN THE FUTURE THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES IS OBSERVING SOME STARTLING EVENTS.

YES SUPERGIRL, WE PLAN TO ENSLAVE THE HUMAN RACE! THIS RAY WILL INFECT YOU WITH THE PLANT SCOURGE TO KEEP YOU FROM HELPING THEM! EVERY CREATURE YOU APPROACH WILL BE CHANGED INTO A PLANT!

LOOK THREE CRIMINALS HAVE ESCAPED
FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE! THEY'RE
USING FORBIDDEN KRYPTONIAN
WEAPONS TO MENACE THE EARTH!
WE MUST HELP **SUPERGIRL!**

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QUICKLY HE LEAPS ON LAUNCHES TO TIME-SPHERE BUT
AS THE VEHICLE GOES BACK THROUGH TIME INTO THE
YEAR 363

ON NO SOME MYSTERIOUS
FORCE FIELD IS BLOCKING
OUR SPHERE! IT MUST HAVE
BEEN GENERATED BY THOSE
ESCAPED PRISONERS TO
KEEP US FROM HELPING
SUPERGIRL!

MEANWHILE, TO KEEP FROM SPREADING
THE PLANT SOURCE **SUPERGIRL** FLIES
TO A DESERT ISLAND [CUT TO]

TO A DESERT ISLAND **SUPERMAN**
CAN'T GET THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER!
AND THE **SUPERMAN EMERGENCY**
SQUAD IS SEALED IN THE BOTTLE
OF KANDOR! PERHAPS I SHOULD RISK
SPREADING THE SCOURGE TO KEEP
THOSE CRIMINALS FROM CONQUERING
THE EARTH!

SUDDENLY, SUPERGIRL RECEIVES A FRANTIC
TELEPATHIC MESSAGE: 'HELP!'

SUPergirl! THIS IS YOUR FRIEND LORI, THE MERMAID! YOUR THOUGHT WAVES TELL ME YOU'VE BEEN INFECTED WITH A SUPERVIRUS PLANT SCOURGE. KEEP AWAY FROM THE WATER'S EDGE! *W*

BL⁴ WHY,
OR²
WHAT'S
HAPPENING

AN OCTOPUS THAT WAS APPROACHING YOUR ISLAND
HAS BEEN CHANGED INTO AN UNDERWATER PLANT.
YOU'VE BECOME A SUPER-CARRIER OF A MONSTROUS
PLAGUE! PLEASE KEEP AWAY FROM ALL LIVING
BEINGS.

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WHAT A SPOT IF I LEAVE HERE TO COMBAT THOSE CRIMINALS... I SPREAD THE PLANT SCOURGE EVERYWHERE... ONLY ONE PERSON CAN HELP ME NO... **LUTHOR!** HE'S THE WORLD'S MOST EVIL SCIENTIST BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE



MOMENTS LATER IN HIS SOLITARY CELL, **LUTHOR** HEARS **SUPERGIRL** BY MEANS OF HER SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM

AND AS PART OF HIS ESCAPE PLAN HE RECALLED **LENA THORUL**, WAS SEALED IN THE **BOTTLE OF KANDOR** ONLY YOUR SCIENTIFIC GENIUS CAN HELP ME DEFEAT **LUTHOR!**



BUT WHEN **SUPERGIRL** CONTACTS THE WARDEN

WARDEN THIS IS **SUPERGIRL** TALKING TO YOU BY SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM... I AM CRIMINALS PLANNING TO CONQUER THE EARTH... I NEED **LUTHOR'S** HELP TO FIGHT THEM! YOU MUST RELEASE HIM TEMPORARILY!



RELEASE **LEX LUTHOR**? THAT'S A LAUGH WHY WOULD **SUPERGIRL** WANT HIS HELP? HE'S HER WORST ENEMY. THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF ESCAPE SCHEME!

THAT SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM IS JUST ANOTHER TRICK OF **LUTHOR'S** WARDEN HE MUST HAVE HEARD THAT HE RE TRANSFERRING HIM TO THAT NEW ESCAPE PROOF CELL IN THE COURTYARD



SOON, AS **LUTHOR** IS MARCHED INTO THE COURTYARD...

YOU DIDN'T FOOL ME WITH THAT FAKE VENTRILLOQUISM ACT. **LUTHOR!** WE'RE SHIFTING YOU TO THIS MAXIMUM SECURITY CELL. YOU'LL BE UNDER 24 HOUR A DAY GUARD



BLAST THAT **SUPERGIRL**! SHE PROMISED TO HAVE ME RELEASED! I MUST SET AWAY TO HELP **LENA**

MEANWHILE, A FLUTTERING FIGURE DROPS DOWN ON THE PRISON ROOF

WHEN OUR TELESCOPIC GUN OBSERVED NOW **SUPERGIRL** HAD TO FREE **LUTHOR**, THE OTHERS SENT ME HERE TO PUT OUR OWN PLAN INTO OPERATION NOW WITH ONE TOUCH OF THIS BUTTON ON MY BELT





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SUDDENLY AN INVISIBLE BEAM
TOUCHED LUTHOR

SOMEONE WAS TRYING TO
FREE HIM FROM THE
BUT HE WASN'T



AS THE CELL DOOR CLOSES,
LUTHOR HEARS A SUPER-WHISPER...

JUST LUTHOR! SPEAK FOR
THE FORTIFIED KRYPTONIAN
CRIMINAL! WE WILL HELP
YOU BREAK OUT AND FREE
YOUR MOTHER, LENA, IF YOU PUT
YOUR MASTER BRAIN TO WORK
FOR US!

I PROMISE! BUT
HOW CAN YOU GET ME OUT
OF HERE WHEN SUPER-
GIRL COULDN'T?



RECALL THAT OLD TINKLING YOU GOT
WHEN WALKING IN THE COURT-
YARD? AT THAT MOMENT YOU
ACQUIRED SUPER-POWERS
FROM A SPECIAL RE-TOWN!

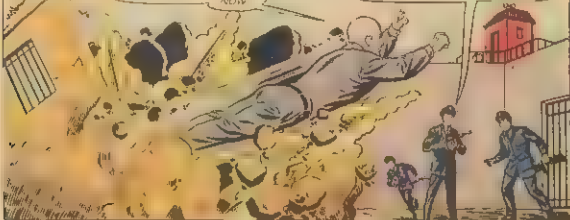
YOU'RE RIGHT! WE GOT
SUPER-STRENGTH! THESE
BARRS ARE LIKE
PUTTY IN MY HANDS!



AN INSTANT LATER...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S SEE
YOU TRY TO STOP ME
NOW

IT'S LUTHOR! HE SHATTERED
THAT CELL TO SMITHERS!



THEY ARE TRYING
STOP HIM... BUT
ALL THEY CAN DO
IS MAKE
A MESS!

WHY NOT SHOOT YOU
FOOL? MY INVULNERABLE
HOPE BULLETS DON'T
EVEN TOUCH ME!

AT LAST I HAVE WHAT I ALWAYS
DREAMED OF: SUPER-POWERS!
TO WATCH MY SUPER-BRAIN
WATCH... USE MY HEAT VISION
ON YOUR PUNY WEAPONS!

ASP ONE GLANCE
AND HE MELTED
OUR MACHINE-
GUN INTO
SCRAP METAL!





ACTION COMICS



AS LUTHOR STREAKS AWAY...

WELL DONE LUTHOR! AN
KRU-EL, THE ONE WHO SAVED
YOU SUPER-POWERS! REPORT
TO OUR AND HEADQUARTERS
WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT TASK
FOR YOU

BAH! NO ONE GIVES
ME ORDERS NOW
BUT I HAVE
SUPER POWERS
I'LL FOLLOW YOU
TO THAT ISLAND
AS SOON AS I
TEST MY NEW
ABILITIES



THEN, HURTLING OVER METROPOLIS...

FLYING AT SUPER-SPEED IS TERRIFIC, BUT THE
FRICTION IS BURNING MY CLOTHES! I NEED AN
INDESTRUCTIBLE SUPER-COSTUME! AND I THINK
I KNOW WHERE TO FIND IT!



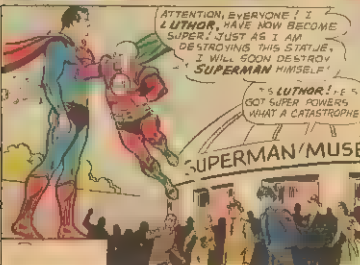
SOON, INSIDE THE WORLD-FAMED SUPERMAN
MUSEUM

THIS INDESTRUCTIBLE
COSTUME SHOULD FIT ME PERFECTLY
ONCE I TRIM THE SLEEVES AND LEGS
WITH MY HEAT VISION! I'LL USE THE
LEFT-OVER PIECES TO MAKE
MYSELF A CAPE!



WORKING AT SUPER SPEED, LUTHOR SOON
COMPLETES HIS TASK

THERE IS A SUPER-
COSTUME COMPLETE WITH
A SPECIAL INSIGNA!
NOW TO ANNOUNCE MY
NEW IDENTITY TO THE
WORLD



ATTENTION, EVERYONE! I
LUTHOR, HAVE NOW BECOME
SUPER! JUST AS I AM
DESTROYING THIS STATUE,
I WILL SOON DESTROY
SUPERMAN HIMSELF!

"LUTHOR! I
GOT SUPER POWERS
WHAT A CATASTROPHE!"

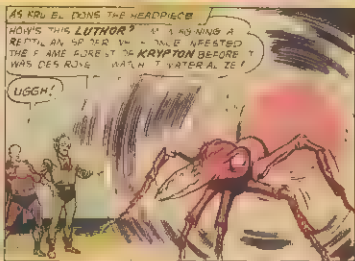
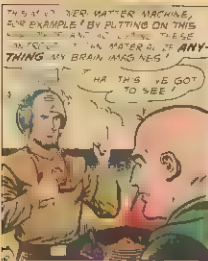
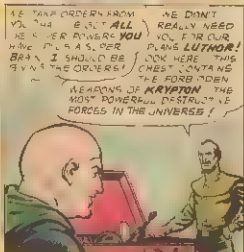
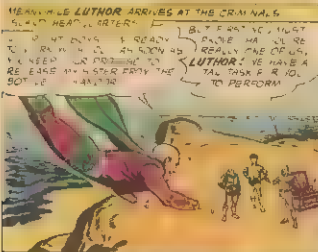
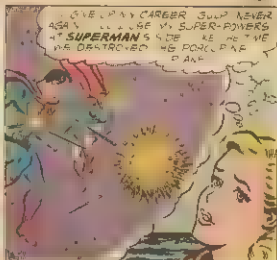
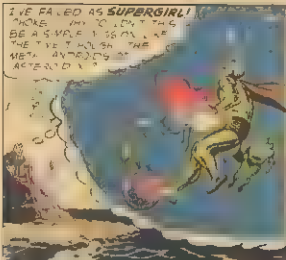
MEANWHILE ON A DESERT
ISLAND, SUPERGIRL WATCHES IN
DESPAIR

GULP BECAUSE I
TRANSFERRED THE PLANT SCOURGE,
I MUST REMAIN QUARANTINED
HERE ON THIS ISLAND, HELPLESS
WHILE LUTHOR HURRIES TO HELP
THE KRYPTONIANS WITH HIS NEW
SUPER-POWERS!





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AS THE MONSTER SEEMINGLY GOES BERSERK

JUST THINK LUTHOR IN A CORPSE! GULP! BUT OF THESE GHOSTS, REAL THINGS SINCE THEY'RE WOULD-KING WHOLE STAGS. SAGUARY, GO BRIVENTS WOULD BE. SINCE THE DAMAGE BEGGING FOR MERCY!



THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! WATCH! GASP! THE CREATURE DIDN'T VANISH! BUT THE TREES ARE STILL LIP-ROOTED! YOUR "NO OVER-MATTER MACHINE" ISN'T BAD AT THAT RATE!



THEN THERE'S THIS TIME-REVERSAL RAY! WITH ONE TOUCH OF THE TRIGGER I CAN HURL ANY CHOSEN AREA A MILLION YEARS BACK INTO THE PAST!

WAIT! KRL! EL! LOOK! HERE SOME MORE MONSTERS ARE HEADED FOR THIS ISLAND!



WITH THE TELESCOPE, I CAN SEE THE OLD TERN WATCH

MEN IN ROBES! THAT'S THE ISLAND! THE EPICENTER OF THE EARTHQUAKE! THE TRIGGERS ARE TO LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION!



A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO TEST THE TIME-REVERSAL RAY! I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN I FOCUS IT ON THOSE MONSTERS!



WAIT! WHAT?

HOLY COW! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? OUR UNIFORMS ARE CHANGING INTO SKINS AND FURS!

OUR GUNS! THEY'RE TURNING INTO CLUBS! WE'RE BECOMING CAVEMEN! WE'RE GOING BACK IN TIME!





ACTION COMICS



THOSE SEAGULLS THEY'VE TURNED INTO PREHISTORIC FLYING REPTILES. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE MEN! QUICK INTO THE BOAT BR... I MEAN LOG CANOE.



AS THE SUPER-CRIMINALS WATCH

HA, HA. DID YOU SEE THEM PANIC? THEY'LL CHANGE BACK TO NORMAL AS THEY LEAVE THE TIME-REVERSAL AREA THAT MY WEAPON I CREATED!



AS KRU-EL SHUTS OFF THE TIME RAY

THAT'S ONE OFTEN WEAPONS Y'LL FRIGHTEN ORDINARY PEOPLE KRU-EL. BUT **SUPERSGIRL** AND **SUPERMAN** WON'T BE SCARED! THEY'LL FIND A WAY TO STOP YOU! ONLY IF YOUR BRAIN IS CLEVER ENOUGH TO... HEM!

YOU'RE RIGHT, LUTHOR! YOU'RE THE GREATEST CRIMINAL GENIUS OF ALL TIME! MAYBE WE'D BETTER LET YOU TAKE OVER.



QUICKLY, KRU-EL DONS THE MIND-OVER-MATTER HELMET, AND...

BUT BEFORE YOU FORM YOUR PLAN WE'D BETTER CHECK ON WHAT **SUPERMAN** AND THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** ARE DOING! I'LL USE THIS MIND-OVER-MATTER MACHINE TO MATERIALIZE A MONITOR SCREEN!

SMART THINKING, KRU-EL!



PRESENT. AS **LUTHOR** OBSERVES THE SCREEN.

...HE SEES EVEN A FEW OF OUR AVIATION ADVANTAGE THROUGH THE FORCE FIELD THAT KRU-EL IS FORMING IN THE PRESENT.

WE'VE TRIED A DOZEN OF OUR MOST POWERFUL TIME TORPEDOES, BUT WE STILL CAN'T GET THAT FORCE SCREEN TO HELP **SUPERSGIRL**!

HA, HA! ALL THOSE SUPER-HEROES, AND THEY CAN'T DO A THING! WE'VE GOT THEM CHECKMATED! EARTH IS AT OUR MERCY!





BUT MEANWHILE, THE EVIL KRYPTONIANS GO INTO A HUFFLE...

TIME TO PUT THE REST OF OUR PLAN INTO OPERATION, KRU-EL! WE FREED LUTHOR TO HANDLE THE DIRTY WORK AND ELIMINATE DANGER TO OURSELVES

CORRECT! ONCE WE GET THE **GOLD KRYPTONITE**, WE'LL USE IT TO TAKE AWAY **SUPERGIRL'S** POWERS AND **LUTHOR'S** TOO! IT'S THE ONLY SUBSTANCE WHICH CAN REMOVE THEIR POWERS PERMANENTLY.



PRESENTLY...

ALL RIGHT, **LUTHOR**, YOU'RE THE BOSS! BUT I SUGGEST THAT THE FIRST THING TO DO WOULD BE TO GET SOME **GOLD KRYPTONITE** SO WE CAN USE IT TO TAKE AWAY **SUPERGIRL'S** POWERS!

WE COULD SEARCH FOR A **GOLD KRYPTONITE** METEOR IN SPACE, BUT THAT FORCE-FIELD WE SET UP WON'T LET US GET PAST THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE!

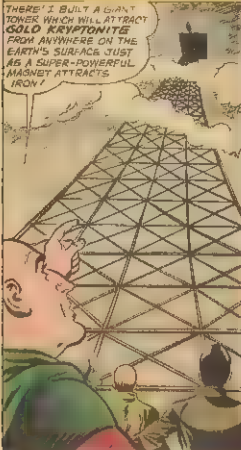


THAT'S WHERE MY **SUPER BRAIN** COMES IN! SOME OF THOSE **GOLDEN METEORS** MUST HAVE CRASHED TO EARTH! I KNOW JUST HOW TO LOCATE THEM. HMM. THAT SUNKEN SHIP I SEE WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION CAN SUPPLY ME WITH THE MATERIAL I NEED.



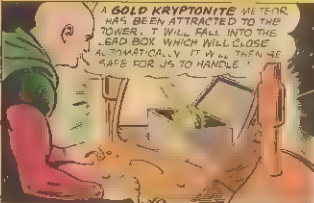
USING HIS HEAT VISION AND SUPER-STRENGTH, **LUTHOR** SHAPES THE SHIP'S METAL PLATES INTO GIRDERS AND...

THERE! I BUILT A GIANT TOWER WHICH WILL ATTRACT **GOLD KRYPTONITE** FROM ANYWHERE ON THE EARTH'S SURFACE. JUST AS A SUPER-POWERFUL MAGNET ATTRACTS IRON!



OPERATING A REMOTE CONTROL DEVICE FROM THE TOWER, **LUTHOR** ACTIVATES THE MACHINE.

A **GOLD KRYPTONITE** METEOR HAS BEEN ATTRACTED TO THE TOWER. IT WILL FALL INTO THE LEAD BOX WHICH WILL CLOSE AUTOMATICALLY. IT WILL THEN BE SAFE FOR US TO HANDLE!



PRESENTLY...

GREAT WORK, **LUTHOR**! I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'D DO WITHOUT THAT BRAIN OF YOURS!

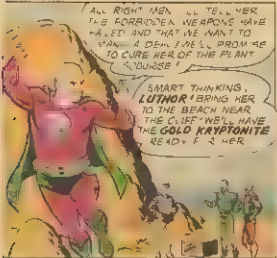
OUR NEXT PROBLEM IS TO GET **SUPERGIRL** WITHIN RANGE OF THAT **GOLD KRYPTONITE** SO THAT IT CAN TAKE AWAY HER POWERS AND MAKE HER JUST A MERE MORTAL. GIRL! ONLY ONE MAN IS CUNNING ENOUGH TO LURE HER INTO THE TRAP! **LUTHOR!**





ALL RIGHT MEN, WE'LL TELL HER THE FORBIDDEN WEAPONS HAVE FAILED AND THAT WE WANT TO "TAKE" A DEMO I'LL PROMISE TO CURE HER OF THE PLANT "DROUSE".

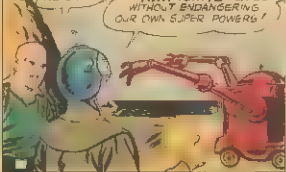
SMART THINKING, LUTHOR! BRING HER TO THE BEACH NEAR THE CLIFF. WE'LL HAVE THE GOLD KRYPTONITE READY FOR HER.



AS LUTHOR VANISHES OVER THE HORIZON

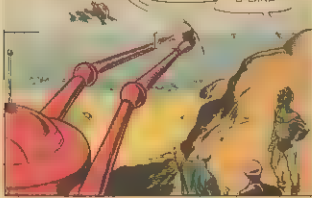
KAL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT MIND-OVER-MATTER MACHINE? WE'VE GOT TO GET READY FOR LUTHOR AND SUPERGIRL WHEN THEY RETURN!

EXACTLY WHAT I'M DOING! I'M MATERIALIZING A MECHANICAL CATAPULT THAT WILL HANDLE THE GOLD KRYPTONITE FOR US WITHOUT ENDANGERING OUR OWN SUPER POWERS!



SOON HERE THEY COME KAL! EL

SPLENDID! I'VE GOT THE "CATAPULT" READY IN THE BEACH WHERE LUTHOR AND SUPERGIRL ARE SUPPOSED TO LAND.



YES, LUTHOR HAS LURED SUPERGIRL INTO A TRAP AND NOW "CHOKES" IT'S GOLD LUTHOR KRYPTONITE, I'VE SEEN WHAT'S THAT? DOUBLE-CROSSED, QUICK GET BACK INTO THAT LEAD BOX!



JUST I CAN'T MOVE TO THE RADIATIONS OF THE GOLD KRYPTONITE HAVE TAKEN AWAY MY SUPER POWERS. MAN OF IRON NAILS & RULING!

WHEN MY POWERS ARE GONE TOO I CAN'T FLY ANYMORE



HA HA! OUR TRICK WORKED NOW TO LURE SUPERMAN INTO THE TRAP

DEACTIVATE THE FORCE FIELD THAT'S KEEPING SUPERMAN OUT OF THE PRESENT AND LET HIM THROUGH! WE'LL HAVE A GENE WE WELCOME ALL PREPARED FOR!





ACTION COMICS



AS THE TIME-BARRIER OPENS, J.P. **SUPERMAN** EMERGES OUT OF THE PAST, HIS TELESCOPIC VISION SCANNING THE EARTH FOR SIGNS OF TROUBLE...

WHO SET J.P. THAT FORCE-FIELD? SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON! UH-OH! **SUPERGIRL** AND **LUTHOR** ARE ON AN ISLAND! AND **LUTHOR** IS WEARING A SUPER COSTUME! I'D BETTER CHECK.



AS THE **MAN OF STEEL** FLASHES DOWN AT SUPER-SPEED...

SUPERMAN IS CLANNING GOT TO WARN HIM, BUT USING MY SUPER POWERS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. WAIT, I HAVE IT! THIS MIRROR FROM THE POUCH IN MY CAPE!



AN INSTANT LATER A BEAM OF LIGHT FLASHES ON AND OFF ACROSS **SUPERMAN'S** VISION FROM BELOW.

IT'S A MESSAGE IN MORSE CODE FROM **SUPERGIRL**! SHE'S IN TROUBLE!



SECONDS LATER, AS **SUPERMAN** ARRIVES ON THE SCENE...

THE FOOL CROTTED RUN INTO OUR RAD THE **GOLD KRYPTONITE** HAS ROBBED HIM OF HIS SUPER-POWERS.

WHAT HAPPENED? I SLIDELY FEEL SO WEAK.



USING THE MIND-OPERATING MACHINE, KRAL EL MATERIALIZES A ROBOT WHICH CARRIES OFF THE **KRYPTONITE**, THEN...

ALL RIGHT, MEN! THEY'RE IN OUR POWER! WITH THAT **GOLD KRYPTONITE** SAFELY OUT OF THE WAY, IT'S SAFE FOR US TO APPROACH!

THIS IS THE MOMENT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! **SUPERMAN** AND **SUPERGIRL** AT OUR MERCY!



THE MOTHER OF RECKONING HAS BEEN WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THEM FOR THEIR BODIES USING THESE FORBIDDEN WEAPONS FROM **KRYPTON**! AND YOU ARE POWERLESS TO STOP US!

THAT'S WHAT I THINK. ALL RIGHT, EN, ET'S GO!





ACTION COMICS



IN THE NEXT INSTANT, A SEARING BLAST OF HEAT
SLASHED AT AND

LET THEM ALL GET HEAT
VISION! ITS COMBINED TRIPLE POWER MELTED
OUR FORBIDDEN WEAPONS GASP, BUT I THOUGHT
THE **GOLD KRYPTONITE** HAD TAKEN AWAY
THEIR SUPER-POWERS!



"AND, DID YOU REAL, THANK D
BRA, YOU **GOLD KRYPTONITE**
AFTER MY SUPER-HEARING
DETECTED YOU PLOTTING AGAINST ME?"

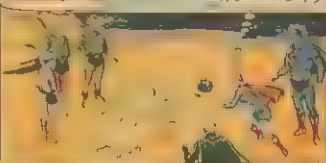
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TO DESTROY **SUPERGIRL'S**
POWERS... AND **LUTHOR'S**
POWERS TOO!



"I'VE BEEN TO DOABLE THINGS BE
SO I DECIDED TO WORK WITH
SUPERGIRL AGAINST YOU." I
ADJUSTED THE CONTROLS OF THAT
MAGNETIC TOWER I BUILT TO ATTRACT
THE **IMITATION GOLD KRYPTONITE** I
HAD SEEN ON DISPLAY IN THE **SUPERMAN**
MUSEUM. THEN **SUPERGIRL** SENT **SUPERMAN**
A CODE MESSAGE TO PRETEND THAT HE'D
LOST HIS POWERS AS BOTH OF US HAD DONE...

SO IT WAS ALL AN ACT DESIGNED
TO DESTROY THE FORBIDDEN
WEAPONS, EH? BUT THE JOKE'S
ON YOU! YOU ALSO DESTROYED THE
PUNISHMENT RAY... THE ONLY
WEAPON THAT COULD RETURN US
TO THE **PHANTOM ZONE**! NOW

THAT'S WHAT
HE THINKS! I
CAN STILL SEND
THOSE CRIMINALS
BACK TO THE
PHANTOM ZONE
IF I WORK
FAST ENOUGH!



DURING THE RHYTHM OF THE TOWER'S SPEED **SUPERGIRL** DROVE
THE WIND OVER HER SAFETY HELMET AND

SHE'S MATERIALIZED A
PHANTOM RAY GUN!

WE'RE BEING PROJECTED
BACK INTO THE **PHANTOM**
ZONE! EEEYAH!



THAT'S NOT **SUPERGIRL**! THEY'RE
BACK WHERE THEY BELONG! THE EARTH
IS FREE FROM THEIR SINISTER MENACE!

YOU'RE WRONG, **SUPERMAN**!
REMEMBER, I'VE STILL GOT THE
PLANT SCOURGE! OH OH! THAT
BIRD THAT'S FLYING TOWARD ME!
IT'S GOING TO BE TURNED INTO
A PLANT!



BUT TO SUPERGIRL'S AMAZEMENT

GASP! THE BIRD WASN'T TRANSJUTED INTO A PLANT... BY DESTROYING THE BELT WHICH GAVE ME THE SCOURGE, WE DESTROYED THE SCOURGE ITSELF! ULP! THE BELT! THAT REMINDS ME! THERE'S SOMETHING I'D BETTER CHECK ON!



IT WAS KHE-LE'S BELT WHICH GAVE ME SUPER POWERS! BUT NOW THAT THE BELT HAS BEEN DESTROYED, MY SUPER POWERS ARE GONE TOO! LOOK I CAN'T FLY ANYMORE!

LUTHOR, YOU USED THOSE POWERS FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANITY, BUT NOW THAT THOSE CRIMINALS ARE OUT OF THE WAY I MUST RETURN YOU TO PRISON TO FINISH YOUR SENTENCE. YOUR TRUCE IS OVER.



THIS ISLAND IS OUT OF YOUR JURISDICTION, **SUPERMAN**, BUT I'LL GO BACK PEACEFULLY IF YOU RELEASE MY SISTER LENA THORUL, FROM THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR!

I AGREE, **LUTHOR**! BUT I WOULD HAVE FREED LENA, ANYHOW! I'LL START WORKING ON THE PROBLEM AS SOON AS I DELIVER YOU TO THE AUTHORITIES!



THE NEXT DAY, AS SUPERGIRL VISITS SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE

SUPERMAN, I SEE YOU'VE UNSEALED THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR, AND RESCUED LENA.

SUPERGIRL, I'VE UNSEALED THE BOTTLE, BUT THAT'S JUST AN ANDROID OF LENA WHICH I CREATED TO HELP ME OPERATE THIS EXCHANGE RAY!



THEN AS SUPERMAN ACTIVATES THE RAY

THIS RAY SHRINKS THE ANDROID AND TRANSPORTS IT INTO THE BOTTLE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE REAL LENA, WHO IS NOW BEING RELEASED AND ENLARGED TO HER NORMAL SIZE!

SUPERMAN! **SUPERGIRL!** I WAS SEALED UP IN KANDOR FOR DAYS, BUT I KNEW YOU'D SAVE ME!



AS SUPERGIRL CARRIES LENA BACK TO METROPOLIS, SUPERMAN WATCHES THOUGH TELEVISION

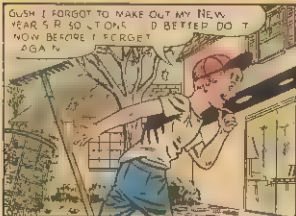
WHAT STRANGE JOCK BECAME OF THE BLACK GUY IN KANDOR... LENA NEVER DISCOVERED SHE WAS LUTHOR'S SISTER! WHAT WAS EVEN MORE STRANGE WAS TO SEE **LUTHOR** USING HIS SUPER-POWERS FOR GOOD INSTEAD OF EVIL!





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GUSH I FORGOT TO MAKE OUT MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS. I BETTER DO IT NOW BEFORE I FORGET AGAIN.

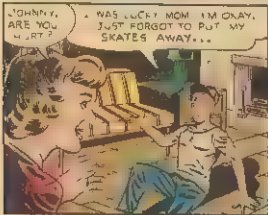


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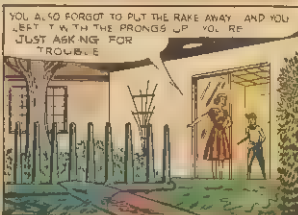


JOHNNY, ARE YOU HURT?

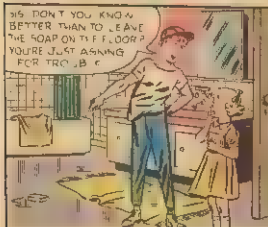
I WAS LUCKY MOM. I'M OKAY. I JUST FORGOT TO PUT MY SKATES AWAY...



YOU ALSO FORGOT TO PUT THE RAKE AWAY AND YOU LEFT IT WITH THE PRONGS UP. YOU'RE JUST ASKING FOR TROUBLE.



DIDN'T YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO LEAVE THE SOAP ON THE FLOOR? YOU'RE JUST ASKING FOR TROUBLE.



WELL, I GUESS I KNOW WHAT THE FIRST ITEM ON MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WILL BE--**HOME SAFETY!**



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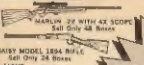
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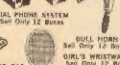
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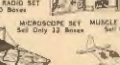
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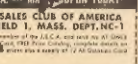
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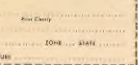
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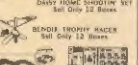
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